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HONDURAS.

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended April 12, 1904: Present officially estimated population, 2,125; one death. Prevailing disease, malarial fever of mild form; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 5	S. S. Mancunia a. S. S. Habil S. S. Olympia S. S. Hiram Schr. Carib II b.	32	0	0	0
7		15	0	0	0
7		42	2	5	0
8		13	0	0	0
11		7	0	0	0

a S. S. Mancunia for Boston.

b Schr. Carib II for New York.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Plague at Johannesburg— Health of Italian and other cities—Meteorological conditions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, April 4 and 11, as follows: During the weeks ended April 2 and 9, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

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Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.	Number of steerage passengers recom- mended for rejection.
Mar. 27 27 30 31 31 31 Apr. 1 2	Sicilian Prince König Albert Città di Torino Massilia Umbria Calabria Königin Luise Columbia	dodododododododododo	1, 265 1, 324 855 645 1, 104	35 120 120 70 90 95 100 75	903 1,830 1,230 1,215 915 1,117 1,022 716	10 15 18 10 7 14 14 10
		PALER	MO.			
Mar. 29 Apr. 1	Sicilian Prince Umbria		459 263	100 70	650 350	41 13

Bubonic plague at Johannesburg.

According to telegraphic information of March 25, 1904, 4 fresh cases of plague were reported at Johannesburg, Transvaal, 2 Asiatics and 2 natives. There were 3 additional deaths, making 58 deaths in all, 47 Asiatics, 7 whites and 4 natives. A plague board has been appointed to superintend arrangements incident to the epidemic. This commission consists of 5 members of the town council, 4 represent-

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atives of the chamber of mines, and certain government experts. The town council of Johannesburg has voted \$25,000 for the initial expenses of the commission. A cordon has been drawn round the coolie quarter where the epidemic originated and it is said that as soon as the inmates can be removed the quarter is to be burned to the ground. The whole town is to be subjected to strict sanitary supervision. Chinese are prohibited from leaving the town without a permit.

Health of Italian and other cities.

According to a report of the local office of hygiene and public sanitation of Naples, the rate of mortality per 10,000 inhabitants from acute infectious disease during the last quarter of the year 1903 for certain cities was as follows: Naples, 4; Turin, 6.43; Genoa, 5.14; Rome, 7.41; Milan, 9.89; Venice, 8.47; Trieste, 9.20; Nice, 7.16; Paris, 6.55; Brussels, 8.31; Berlin, 6.58; Vienna, 7.02; London, 11.33; Monaco, 6.19; Budapest, 15.31, and Madrid, 30.62. The mortality figures for pulmonary tuberculosis for each 10,000 inhabitants are given as follows: Naples, 15.88; Rome, 17.15; Milan, 23.27; Turin, 23.58; Genoa, 25.12; London, 15.97; Brussels, 17.31; Berlin, 19.81; Trieste, 38.75; Nice, 32.04; Paris, 38.97; Vienna, 34.14, and Budapest, 33.54.

Meteorological conditions.

The monthly meteorological bulletin of Naples shows that the mean annual temperature of Naples is 16.43° C. The mean for the warmest month, namely, July, is 34.94° C., and for the coldest month, January, 8.64° C. According to the report, the mean interdiurnal variation of temperature, which occurs in the month of May, is 1.3° C. The minimum is 8° C., and the maximum 4.9° C. An interdiurnal variation exceeding 2° C. does not occur in 56.4 days during the year, and one exceeding 4° happens 4.9 days only. An interdiurnal variation of more than 4° is a rarity.

Inspection of vessels—Plague report, Hongkong—Plague in Johannesburg and Bombay.

Week ended April 9, 1904.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large bag- gage in- spected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recom- mended for rejection.
Apr. 6 7 8 9 9	Sardegna Equita Canopic Italia Napolitan Prince	Boston New York	865 853 1,658 1,426 403	45 40 250 130 35	915 1,218 1,921 1,419 705	7 20 24 22 11

Plague report from Hongkong.

An account of the efforts of the colonial authorities to cooperate with the Chinese inhabitants of Hongkong is given by Sir Henry